(ङ) राज्य सरकार डेयरी उद्योग को ऐसे तरीके से प्रोत्साहन दे रही है जिससे सहकारिताओं के हितों पर कोई प्रतिकूल प्रभाव न पड़े।

Support Price for Jute

4012. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the support price for Jute procurement in current year;

(b) whether it is a fact that Jute Corporation of India has failed to fulfil the target of procurement of Jute in Assam during the last year due to shortage of funds; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have stopped procurement of Jute in the State this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) The Government of India has fixed the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for TD-5 grade of raw jute for Assam at Rs. 650 per quintal for 1998-99 season as against Rs. 570 for 1997-98 season.

(b) There are no targets of procurement of jute by the Jute Corporation of India (JCI) and it undertakes the MSP operations as and when the prices fall below the support level. The Government has provided adequate finances to JCI to undertake the procurement operations in various States.

(c) No, Sir. During the year 1997-98, JCI procured a quantity of 392056 quintals of raw jute/mesta through its 25 centres in operation in the State of Assam. The MSP operation will continue during 1998-99 season as well.

Decline in the area under pulses cultivation

4013. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the acreage under pulses has continued to decline during the Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(b) whether production and productivity of the crop has remained stagnant during this period; and

(c) whether Government propose to set up a special technology mission to double or triple pulses production in the country in the course of the next five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) No, Sir. The area under pulses has been fluctuating during the Eighth Five Year Plan as given below:—

Year	Area (in million ha.)
1992-93	22.36
1993-94	22.25
1994-95	23.03
1995-96	22.28
1996-97	23.19

(b) The production and productivity of pulses have been fluctuating depending upon the behaviour of the monsoon. During the Eighth Five Year Plan, the production as well as productivity remained as given below:—

year	Production (M. Tonnes)	Productivity (Kgs./ha.)
1992-93	12.82	573
1993-94	13.30	598
1994-95	14.04	610
1995-96	12.30	552
1996-97	14.46	623

(c) Pulses are already under Technology Mission.

कृषि और औद्योगिक उत्पादों के मूल्य

4014. **श्री रामगोपाल यादव:**
श्री ईश दत्त यादव:

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार देश में समय-समय पर कृषि और औद्योगिक उत्पादों का मूल्य निर्धारित करने के लिए कोई नीति तैयार करेगी; और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं तथा इस संबंध में किस कठिनाई का सामना करना होगा?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सोमपाल): (क) और (ख) प्रत्येक मौसम में प्रमुख कृषि जिन्सों के न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्य के निर्धारण के लिए एक नीति पहले से ही मौजूद है। न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्य कृषि लागत एवं मूल्य आयोग (सी॰ए॰सी॰पी॰) की सिफारिशों, राज्य सरकारों,